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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

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PRESENT:

<u>DEFENSE:</u>	Mr. Madison E. Mitchell	
<u>NSA:</u>	[REDACTED]	
<u>CIA:</u>	[REDACTED]	25X1A9a
<u>ARMY:</u>	Mr. Herbert W. Taylor	
<u>NAVY:</u>	Captain Frederick Welden	
<u>AIR FORCE:</u>	Lt. Colonel George Keithley (for Colonel William F. Scott)	
<u>JOINT STAFF:</u>	Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF (for Colonel George E. Perry, USAF)	
<u>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</u>	Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF	

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ALSO PRESENT:

<u>NSA:</u>	[REDACTED]	
<u>CIA:</u>	[REDACTED]	25X1A9a
<u>ARMY:</u>	Major John E. Bircher Mr. Jack E. Thomson	
<u>NAVY:</u>	Lt. Commander Harry B. Pitcher Mr. Roy Adolfson	
<u>AIR FORCE:</u>	Mr. David S. Clark	
<u>SECRETARIAT:</u>	Major Alva H. May, USAF [REDACTED]	25X1A9a

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-~~5.2/80~~ 5.3/80

Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 18 February 1960.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DISCUSSION:

Reference Item 6, Page 8; the Decision is amended to add "of the evaluation called for in Paragraph 3d of DCID No. 6/2."

The Minutes were amended accordingly.

DECISION: (18 February 1960)

The Minutes of the Twenty-fifth Meeting, as amended, were approved.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE- ~~9.1/11~~ ^{9.9/11}

Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held 18 February 1960.


Subject:



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PROBLEM:

To determine a course of Committee action in order to meet its responsibilities in 

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DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member reported that the ad hoc group was continuing its work on the problem and anticipated that their report would be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

DECISION: (18 February 1960)

To defer for consideration at the next regular meeting pending receipt of the report of the ad hoc group.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE- ~~9.4/29~~ 9.3/29 Item 3 on the Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 18 February 1960.

Subject: ELINT Priorities Requirements List.

PROBLEM:

To determine Committee action needed to develop a list of ELINT Requirements.

DISCUSSION:

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[REDACTED] reported for the ad hoc group working on the problem. He noted that the group had met for three full days and had agreed on procedures. Three specific phases of the problem were being considered, i.e., (a) determining whether ELINT Objectives derived from PNIO's are needed, (b) develop requirements and (c) establish priorities. A paper should be available for consideration of the Committee at the next regular meeting in order to meet the 15 March deadline established by USIB. He mentioned that the next problem to be considered would be the allocation of resources and review of their adequacy for community needs. The group was also considering the justification of requirements, and it was felt that these would generally stand up under close scrutiny. These latter phases, however, are not affected by the March deadline.

DECISION: (18 February 1960)

To carry over on the Agenda for consideration at the next regular meeting.

ACTION FOR THE U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE-~~9.2/5~~
9.1/5 Item 4 on the Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held 18 February 1960.

Subject: ELINT Indicator List.

PROBLEM:

To consider a course of Committee action to develop an ELINT Indicator List, if such is determined to be appropriate.

DISCUSSION:

The NSA Member referred to his memorandum submitted with USIB-EE-9.2/4, and noted that it was difficult for his Agency to determine what indicators can be developed from ELINT, and the value and scope of such indicators. The Chairman referred to the list which had been circulated with USIB-EE-9.4/3 which had been furnished to NSA as guidance. This paper had suggested to USIB that there are ELINT indicators and he considered that it was the responsibility of the Committee to determine the scope, use and value of such indicators, recognizing that they would be used by the community in conjunction with other data.

The Members agreed that it would be useful if the views of using consumers could be secured for Committee consideration. In this regard, the Air Force Member agreed to request information on the matter from SAC, and the Joint Staff Member indicated he would discuss the matter with the Service Members in the hope that it could result in an appropriate request to the various Services for the needed information.

The Navy Member moved that further consideration of the subject be deferred until completion of the ELINT Requirements List, as the question was related to other ancillary problems. With the requirements in hand, the Committee could determine whether it would be advisable to appoint a working group to pursue resolution of the problem. The Members agreed.

DECISION: (18 February 1960)

To defer for consideration at a subsequent meeting after the Members have had an opportunity to review the ELINT Requirements List due on 15 March.

Meantime, the Members to contribute any ideas they may deem appropriate, as well as such information as can be gathered from field commands for Committee study.

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USIB-EE- 5./28

Item 5 on the Agenda for the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 18 February 1960.

Subject: Committee Fulfillment of its Objectives and Obligations.

PROBLEM:

To review the status of the Committee's fulfillment of its objectives and obligations as delineated in DCID No. 6/2, and to determine further actions required.

DISCUSSION:

The Joint Staff Member reported for the ad hoc group working on an approach to the problem of Paragraph 3d of DCID No. 6/2. A paper is being drafted, and it is hoped that it will be ready for consideration at the next regular meeting. In general, the approach calls for using the forthcoming Requirements List as a starting point and Members then requesting their consumers for an adequacy evaluation.

There was further discussion of Committee obligations and responsibilities beyond the problem of Paragraph 3d which was being considered by the ad hoc group. The Members agreed that there was a wide field for further investigation, such as Committee response to spot requirements, use of ELINT assets, and Committee initiative on broad intelligence problems involving other agencies.

In this connection, the NSA Member noted that there were numerous areas of overlapping responsibilities with other Committees which should be studied. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary would make arrangements for exchange of Committee minutes in overlapping areas in order to keep Members informed of items of mutual interest, and possibly select agenda items for Committee consideration.

DECISION: (18 February 1960)

To continue on the Agenda for consideration of the ad hoc committee report at the next regular meeting.

The Executive Secretary to make arrangements for exchange of minutes with other USIB Committees concerned with overlapping areas of interest and to keep the Members informed on matters of Committee concern.

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-sixth Meeting, 18 February 1960, came to order at 0930.

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3. The meeting adjourned at 1143.